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State Library Gets New Van

The South Carolina State Library will soon retire its fourteen year old mail van and put into operation its new van pictured here. For years, Talking Book Services (TBS) mail clerks have used a mail van to



deliver and pick up materials from Columbia's Assembly Street Post Office. Thousands of talking books and players being returned to the library and new talking books and new players coming in from the National Library Service are picked up and sent out

each year to the delight of over 7,000 readers statewide.

Thanks to a grant awarded under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and administered by the South Carolina State Library, TBS readers can be assured of continued prompt delivery of requested materials and efficient turnaround of materials returned to the library through the U.S. Post Office's Free Matter Mailing services. One of the primary goals of LSTA is to provide service to people in rural and urban areas who have difficulty using a library. The Act places a special emphasis on the underserved.

As the new van makes its daily runs, it will promote TBS services and DISCUS - South Carolina's Virtual Library (www.scdiscus.org) that gives all South Carolinians free online access to



electronic library resources. **For more information on TBS and other State Library services, connect to www.statelibrary.sc.gov.**

Grab Your Popcorn, It's Time for a Movie!



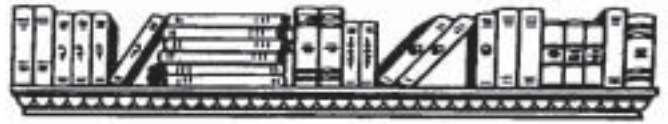
New additions to the library's described movie collection are:

- DVS 264** **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl.** Action-adventure story from Disney studios. Stars Johnny Depp.
- DVS 265** **Daredevil.** Ben Affleck stars as a young blinded orphan with a "radar sense" that allows him to "see" far better than any man.
- DVS 266** **Matrix: Reloaded.** The second installment of the Matrix series provides a final battle that pits the last remaining humans against the machines.
- DVS 267** **Seabiscuit.** The true story of a racehorse and his hard luck jockey--set during the Depression.
- DVS 268** **Bruce Almighty.** In this hit comedy, God offers a TV news reporter (Jim Carey) Godly powers for one week and shows him how tough it is to run the world.
- DVS 269** **Chicago.** Academy Award-winning musical about fame-hungry characters living in the "Windy City" in the 1920's.
- DVS 270** **Walt Disney's Finding Nemo.** Extraordinary animation from Pixar Studios about a curious young clownfish.

New Volunteer Produced Titles

- CBC 458** Strong, Frances Dinkins. **A Lucky Pair.** A close friendship develops between a visually impaired girl and a Tennessee walking horse named Lucky. (Short story for juvenile readers) *Narrated by volunteer Mesa Foard.*
- CBC 455** Whitson, Stephanie Grace. **Walks The Fire: Prairie Winds. Book 1.** Captured by the Lakota Sioux on the Nebraska prairie, Jessie King wonders how she will adjust. As she prays for a sustaining faith, she discovers God's tender mercies.
- CBC 456** Whitson, Stephanie Grace. **Soaring Eagle: Prairie Winds. Book 2.** After the battle of Little Big Horn, newly widowed Lisbeth returns to Lincoln, Nebraska, and discovers that her mother is gone. Grieving, she tries to begin again.
- CBC 457** Whitson, Stephanie Grace. **Red Bird: Prairie Winds. Book 3.** Carrie treasures the memory of the first time she saw Soaring Eagle. Now, graduating from high school, she prays that he will finally see her as a woman. (*Books 1, 2 and 3 narrated by volunteer Tami Works*)

Just For Large Print Readers



Listed below is a sampling of large print titles in the collection. Copies are limited. Additional listings are available upon request. Call 800-922-7818 or 803-734-4611.

- LP 17627** Blount, Jr. Roy. **Robert E. Lee.** A cultural journalist with a Southern upbringing discusses Lee's background, military tactics, and sense of honor.
- LP 17766** Bowen, Michele. **Church Folk.** Newly married small-town church girl Essie Lee and new pastor Reverend Simmons soon discover dealing with "church folk" is no honeymoon.
- LP 17767** Bush, Barbara. **Reflections: Life After the White House.** The first woman since Abigail Adams to be both the wife and mother of a President writes of the years between the end of her husband's term and her son's inauguration.
- LP 17689** Edgerton, Clyde. **Lunch at the Piccadilly.** Aunt Lil and her friends, at a North Carolina nursing home, crave some adventure and find it when they steal a car.
- LP 17621** Eldredge, John. **Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul.** The author contends God designed men to be dangerous, passionate, alive, and free.
- LP 17676** Fletcher, Jessica. **Murder in a Minor Key: A Murder, She Wrote Mystery.** Jessica Fletcher investigates the murder of a local New Orleans art critic who turns up dead, next to the grave of an old voodoo queen.
- LP 17702** Lipsky, David. **Absolutely American: Four Years at West Point.** Follow the men and women of company G-4 from their arrival at the U.S. Military Academy to graduation.
- LP 17758** Morgan, Robert. **Brave Enemies.** A gripping story of a 16-year-old mountain girl, set during the rebel-versus-loyalist bloodbath of 1780-81 in the Carolinas.
- LP 17698** Richards, Ann. **I'm Not Slowing Down: Winning My Battle with Osteoporosis.** Former Texas governor describes her battle to arrest an early stage of osteoporosis.
- LP 17667** Scott, Willard. **The Older the Fiddle, The Better the Tune.** What's good about getting older? That's the question the "Today Show" personality asked celebrities and others.
- LP 17635** Smith, Haywood. **The Queen Bee of Mimosa Beach.** Forced to return to her Southern town after her husband leaves, a cynical woman struggles to take charge of her life and reconnects with her eccentric family and old friends.

Checklist for Better Library Service...

- ✓ **Include your complete name with correspondence and title request lists.**
- ✓ **Always notify the library of address, phone number and name changes.** Refusal of mail results in service interruption.
- ✓ **Call ahead for on site service.** Talking Books and other materials are ready for pick up when you arrive.
- ✓ **Call 1-800-922-7818 or 803-734-4611, Mon. – Fri., 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.** After hours and on holidays, leave brief messages on the voice mail system. Speak clearly. **Provide complete name, address, and phone number with area code.**
- ✓ E-mail book requests and other inquiries to: lbphbooks@leo.scsl.state.sc.us.
- ✓ **Four-track cassette players are loaned to registered borrowers using the library's recordings.** Others must purchase players. Call for a listing of manufacturers.
- ✓ Persons applying for service due to a "learning disability" must submit an application certified by a medical doctor (M.D. not Ph.D).
- ✓ Before returning books, rewind each cassette tape. Place a rubber band around damaged cassettes. Do not put checks inside book containers, mailing bags, or video cases.
- ✓ Do not repair, throw or give away, or sell library provided cassette players or accessories. **Save packing materials and return all equipment no longer being used.** Postage free mailings labels are available.
- ✓ Overdue notices for books are sent as a reminder. **Renewals may be requested.**
- ✓ Communicate concerns to library staff.

Call When:

- ✓ There are changes to your address, phone number or other identifying information.
- ✓ A temporary suspension or cancellation of service is needed.
- ✓ You're getting too many books or not enough or do not receive requested titles.
- ✓ You have questions about or need playback equipment.
- ✓ You need to start, change, or stop magazine subscriptions.

News You Can Use...

- **For High School Teachers of Deaf/Hard of Hearing or Blind/Visually Impaired Students:** The South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind (SCSDB) offers a residential postsecondary program on its campus and at Spartanburg Technical College. Their newest program, "DeafPrep" prepares deaf students to take either the GED or the state exit exam. The Cooperative Program for the Deaf and the Blind with Spartanburg Technical College enrolls the largest number of deaf and blind students of any college or university in S.C. **For more information, contact Robert W. Day, Director, Career & Technology/Postsecondary Education, SCSDB, 864-577-7744 (voice), 577-7746 (TTY/voice) or e-mail rday@scdb.k12.sc.us.**
- **If you are a State Library Talking Book Reader you are eligible for Recordings for Recovery (R4R)—**a music library with music for everyone. For more information, call 1-800-798-1192.
- **The National Library Service (NLS) has created a web site www.loc.gov/nls/narrators/ where the public can learn more about talking book narrators** by connecting to links for NLS contract studios. An audio sample of material is included. Additional studio links are still being added.
- **NFB-Newsline® is no longer sponsored by the South Carolina State Library.** Regretfully, a 3-year pattern of very low monthly use (less than 60 users per month), coupled with continued budget reductions, resulted in an administrative decision to redirect funds from Newsline® to other State Library services.
- **Talking Book Readers are reminded that the South Carolina Radio Reading Network for the Blind** operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Programming includes readings of articles and features from statewide newspapers. **A special radio receiver is required. Contact the S.C. Commission for the Blind at 800-922-2222 or 803-898-8700.** Proof of eligibility is required.
- **Telecommunications Relay Service For People Who Are Deaf -** Relay South Carolina is a telecommunications relay service for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled. Communication Assistants complete all calls and relay messages electronically over a text telephone (TT) or verbally to hearing parties. It is available 24 hours a day with no restrictions on the length or number of calls. To contact the library using Relay South Carolina, dial 711 followed by the Talking Book Services local phone number 734-4611. **For more information, call Relay South Carolina Customer Service 1-800-676-3777 (TTY/VOICE).**



SPRING MEANS GREEN!

- RC 52241 Adil, Janeen R. **Accessible Gardening for People with Physical Disabilities: A Guide to Methods, Tools, and Plants.** An avid gardener provides tips and techniques for people with limited mobility.
- RC 54756 American Horticultural Society. **The American Horticultural Society Gardening Manual.** Practical, hands-on advice on every aspect of gardening.
- RC 54750 Donaldson, Stephanie. **The Ultimate Container Gardener: All You Need to Know to Create Plantings for Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter.** Describes how to display flowers, herbs, and other plants in baskets, window boxes, or hanging containers –inside and outside the home.
- RC 50470 Harding, Deborah C. **The Green Guide to Herb Gardening: Featuring the Ten Most Popular Herbs.** Tips on growing, harvesting, and storing popular herbs with a listing of remedial, culinary, cosmetic, aromatic, and ornamental uses for each plant.
- RC 53450 Reader's Digest. **The Garden Problem Solver.** A guide to diagnosing and treating garden ailments among flowers, vegetables, herbs, shrubs, lawns, and trees.
- RC 43253 Rothert, Gene. **The Enabling Garden: A Guide to Lifelong Gardening.** A step-by-step guide to barrier-free gardening for people with disabilities and older adults, with a checklist for assessing gardening abilities.
- RC 53896 Stout, Ruth. **How to Have a Green Thumb Without an Aching Back: A New Method of Mulch Gardening.** The sister of mystery writer Rex Stout shares anecdotes about her trials, tribulations, and methods she devised to simplify her work.
- RC 55960 Stuckey, Maggie. **The Houseplant Encyclopedia.** Explains how to grow over eighty kinds of indoor plants.
- RC 49080 Woy, Joann. **Accessible Gardening: Tips and Techniques for Seniors and the Disabled.** Advises gardeners with special needs on ideas, tools, and methods for garden design and layout, raised beds, container and tabletop gardening, easy composting, watering, and accessories to facilitate physical tasks.
- RC 40311 Yeomans, Kathleen. **The Able Gardener: Overcoming Barriers of Age and Physical Limitations.** A nurse and gardener covers general aspects of gardening and provides adaptive techniques, including exercises for gardeners.

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Individual Readers Adults 7,566 Juvenile (Ages birth – 13) 508 Total 8,074	Institutions (Libraries, schools, hospitals,nursing home, other) 161
Individual Readers by Media Recorded Cassette 7,464 Recorded disc 798 Large Print Books 1,331 Descriptive video 843	Institutional Patrons by Media Recorded Cassette 132 Recorded disc 0 Large Print Books 23 Descriptive video [N/A]
New Readers Registered .. 1,047	Recorded, Large Print, & DVS Videos Circulated.....249,675
Average Incoming Calls, Out- going Calls, On Site Visits, & Emails Per Month 1,917	Assistive Technology Closed Circuit TVs (CCTVs) 3 Assistive Computer Workstations 2
COLLECTIONS - Number of Titles by Media Recorded Disc45,547 Commercial Large Print17,543 Volunteer Produced Recordings280 Described Movies268	
Total Number of Recorded Cassette Volumes Held..... 326,591	

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